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# United States Senate

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
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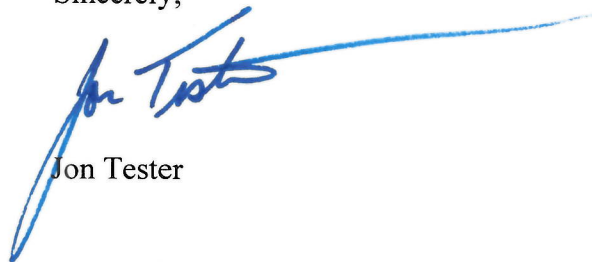
Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

As the Senate concludes negotiations on the third COVID-19 response package, I urge you to include strong oversight provisions to ensure tax payer dollars are spent responsibly. This includes immediate and full transparency on where taxpayer resources are spent as well as the ability to hold folks accountable if there is any waste, fraud or abuse.

I've spent the last several weeks talking to Montana's small business owners, employees, health care workers, and mayors about the unprecedented public health and economic effect of this pandemic. Congress must act aggressively to give these folks real relief. We must also assure them their hard earned taxpayer dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively. That's why I am calling for Special Inspector General to oversee the trillions of dollars anticipated in the next COVID-19 response package. It is critical that we establish guardrails from the beginning in order to hold those disrupting funds accountable to the American people.

I appreciate your staff's willingness to engage on this issue over the last several days. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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